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Mrs. Barnes's

UNIQUE CAUSE FOR DIVORCE.
 Out here in Iowa we know right with the procession of the band when we get a divorce. Des Moines furnishes the latest in domestic innovations. A student used his wife for divorce because she was an infidel. Think of that! Did he get it? Yes, certainly. The poor fellow claimed he was being so battered by his wife's questions and her persistent ridicule of Christianity that he was in danger of losing his faith. The judge evidently thought the present way for those who despoiled use you and persecute you, "did not apply in family relations and decided that theology should not lose a shining light for the remote possibility of converting an infidel, so the divorce was granted despite the belief of doctors of divinity that divorce should be granted only for biblical reasons. The question arises whether had the case been reversed, and the woman asked for separation because the husband was a Christian would a divorce have been granted? I do not believe it would. I can not conceive anything that would cause more mental distress and physical weariness than a companion constantly harping on the results of business, sanctification of saints, damnation of disbelievers, the justice of Jehovah and such hypocritical holier-than-thous.

Should an infidel woman ask for a divorce from a Christian husband she ought to get it, and the judge was right in answering the prayer of the Christian for release from an heretical spouse. It is my opinion that she should be granted for the asking. I don't think there would be an improvement in domestic relations if a large number of persons were compelled to take divorces who had not been asked for them. The latest international conventions declare that divorces should not be granted either for cruelty or desertion. The improvement, until the sympathies of humanity supersede the cruelties of Christianity.

CHAPLAIN'S SALARIES RAISED.
 The Blade has some good supporters over in Pennsylvania, but we have here been attacking Jehovah that a flank movement was executed and the money won from the State Legislature has raised the salary of chaplains from \$2 to \$3 a day. We have howled because those who are paid only three dollars a day, but because my chaplains have been employed at all, but protests have been directed against the classification has been violated. The rights of the people have been plundered. Why? So that the customs of tradition might be perpetuated and the fetters of ecclesiasticalism welded more firmly upon the people. It is reported that Bishop Muldoon, of Chicago, has been elected and would rule the world in 50 years by gaining control of the United States. Whether the report be true or not, the sentiment seems to about express the condition if we are to judge from the frequent and noisy attacks upon the church, of national, social and domestic affairs. Bishop Potter, of New York, says it is time to put God in the constitution of our country as it is to get God into the constitution of the United States. The country, that is there too much of God already in the constitutions of men and women. The church is to wheedle the underlining material into contributing of their substance is had enough, but to accept \$6 for a two minute prayer to a body of men who care nothing for religion except as it serves to place them in their seat, is nothing short of a large sized orthodox steal. The hue and cry from press and pulpit about the archy makes me sick, but nothing is said of these chaplains who not only violate the constitution, but are a disgrace of decency and justice when they accept such salaries.

THE RIGHT KIND OF MEN.
 Rev. J. S. Little has resigned his charge of the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh because an innovation amounts to a desecration. We wonder where Brother Little has been living if he calls an innovation in the twentieth century. He must have been taking several lessons from Van Winkle who is glad to hear of men who have the courage of their convictions and thus get the up and down of the thing on the face of the earth changes and becomes adjusted to surrounding changes. Christianity is a religion is the one thing that perpetuates error no matter how plain or how harmful such errors may be. Last night at church the minister asked the question: "Were a man live for 50 years and then commit a wrong act, would he be lost?" He answered impressively and confidently: "Yes, he would be lost." Such declarations as these serve to show the people where they are and turn them from such doctrine quicker than sound reasoning by infidels. To some

Dr. Barnes

MAKES HIS ARGUMENT AGAINST ANY PUNISHMENT OF CRIMINALS.

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There is an aspiration in all men to be free. That aspiration need only to be quickened by intelligence. The sentiment of freedom is a dynamic. It is an intelligence that is needed in an intelligence that will dissipate the superstitious prejudices against a free society. As the doctrine of total depravity is outgrown, it is easier to educate people. The man who believes that he and other men were by nature totally depraved, and that by miracle power of God he has been snatched from an impending doom of damnation as a favored child of God, by naturally feels that he is better than the damned, and has a right as a child of God to dominate and make laws to govern the unregenerate who cannot do a good act.

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